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T. R. TESTIFIES OF RELATIONS WITH "BOSSES"

Roosevelt Tells Jury of Dealings with Barnes and Platt, Scoring Triumph Over His Opponent.

JUDGE RULES IN HIS FAVOR Court Says Defense Has Right to Try to Prove "Corrupt Alliance"

COLONEL IDENTIFIES HIMSELF

as Justification.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 2 .- Theofore Roosevelt today went upon the witness stand to defend himself in the suit for alleged libel brought against him by William Barnes.

When the colonel's name was valled he arose from his seat at the table occupied by his counsel and amilingly walked around to the witmess chair.

In reply to a question he said he was the man who made the stateement complained of. He added; "I am 58 years old and have a wife and six children."

Story of Early Life. reply to questions by Mr. Bowers the told in a firm, clear voice the story

of his early life. Then he sketched his political career. He told of his appointment on the civil service commission, to the office of police commissioner of New York and assistant secretary of the navy He then told of organizing with General Wood the rough rider regiment to participate in the war with Spain.

Mr. Ivins, Mr. Barnes' attorney, objected witness was.

Justice Andrews said the witness had better confine himself to the issue. became vice president of the United States. I became president when President McKinley died from a gunshou

Busy with Politics. Coming down to the time he left for Africa Colonel Roosevelt sketched his movements for the benefit of the jury. busy with politics."

"I have been," he went on, "A citizen of New York all my life. I have always lived in New York City or Oyster Bay,

"Later in Albany I saw him many imes. In 1889 I had a number of concopt Mr. Platt and Mr. Odell.

For the most part they were in regard Clark Perkins of the Aurora Republyears. It is thought probable that lonellleaders of the republican organization, which controlled the majority of the re- idency the following year. aublican members of the legislature, who sublican members of the legislature, who can be co-operated with the demo-Regislative matters."

The witness added that he also disgussed legislative action with Mr. Barnes. "Did you talk to Barnes about canal matters at any time?" Mr. Ivins objected to the question on

irrelevant. He was upheld. Did you discuss the proposed franwhise tax?' asked Mr. Bowers.

with an objection. Justice Andrews said was adopted at the morning session, re-Mr. Ivins was on his feet in an instant at appeared to him that the defense had quires that the executive members be a right to prove if possible that there chosen one from each congressional dis-existed between business and politics a Mr. Davis, the new elected president, and the latter having shared quarters corrupt alliance, or that there was one and he would have to have a little time for the last three months with the fire between Mr. Barnes and Mr. Murphy. "If these things can be proved," said to consider before making these appointment. the court, "they may establish justifica-

then everruled the objection. The court added that the defendant had

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Parily cloudy; not much change in tem-Temperature at Omahn Yesterday.

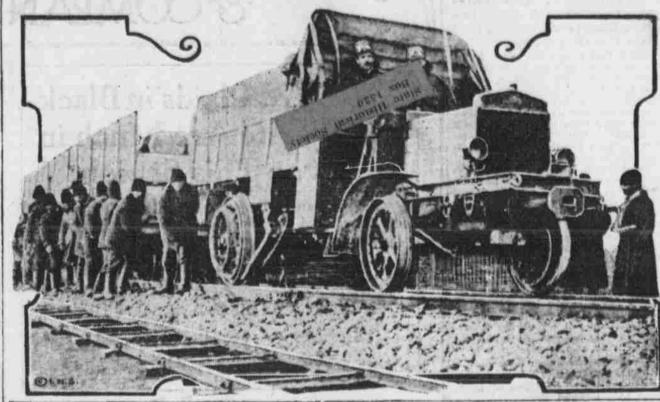


Comparative Lucai Record.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Temp. High-Rain-Tp. m. cat. fall. Station and State of Weather. Davenport, pt. cloudy Denver, pt. cloudy Denver, pt. cloudy Dea Moinea cloudy North Platte clear Omaha, cloudy.... Rapid City, clear... Sheridan, clear.... Sioux City, rain....

out of the room. will be sworn to secreca L A WELSH, Local Forecaster.

AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORT LOCOMOTIVE that fits the rails of the Carpathian railways and is used by the Austrian government to bring up supplies. It will haul five or six heavily laden trucks.



Torace II. Davis

Homesteader to

ing made by the authorities to get in

bury went to the man's house, hoping to

see him. Upon arriving he was con-

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

for the various legislative employes. The

hotel commission and the game commis-

LINCOLN, April 20, - (Special.)-State

BACK TO OLD QUARTERS

fronted with the ghastly scene

STATE OFFICIALS MOVE

EDITORS WOULD GO TO SCOTT'S BLUFF

Take Action Favorable to Holding Convention on Train on Way to Irrigation Country.

DAVIS HEADS THE ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Nebraska to this line of testimony and Mr. Bowers Press association next year may be said he was trying to show just who the held during a tour through the Scott's Bluff country. This was suggested at the meeting yesterday in a Later the colonet said: "I was elected resolution and the resolution passed governor of New York in 1898. Then I recomending such a move to the executive committee. It is up to the executive committee to choose the meeting place.

In order to bring this about the constitution was changed to elminate the clause which provides for assem-Since his return, he said, he had been bly in Lincoln every other year. The busy writing and that at times "I was constitution was also changed to Loneliness Causes limit the membership to actively engaged newspaper men.

A dinner was held at the Hotel Rome last night by courtesy of the "I do not remember just where I first local committee and the trade supply met Barnes, but I think it was during men and a theater party at the Brantroduced to him by the chairman of some deis followed.

Davis Is President. Horace M. Davis of the Ord Jourferences with him. I had more with him nal became president of the Ne- here yesterday by Sheriff Saitsbury. than with any other of the leaders ex- braska Press association yesterday by the customary succession of "We had many political discursions, the vice president to that place, and alone on his sand hills claim for many to the relations between myself and the lican was elected vice president, ness affected his mind. particularly Senator Platt. There were which is the position most sought rertain issues between us two. Platt was after in the association, because it is sisters residing in the cast. Letters found known as the boss of the organization the direct stepping stone to the pres- near him indicate this. An effort is be-

cruts. We were at odds principally over Haskins of the Stella Press was elected corresponding secretary.

To Appoint Committeemen. Six members of the executive commit tee are to be appointed by the new president, but he will not be able to make the ground that it was incompetent and these selections at once or account of a change in the constitution which makes officials are moving back, in several inthis selection a little harder than it has stances, to the old quarters from which been in the past. This change, which they were driven by the advent of the with other changes in the constitution legislature, their rooms having been taken

The association voted to appropriate third floor from its temporary basement tion of this alleged libel." The court \$100 to help fight a case in the supreme court involving one subscription to the Columbus Telegram and one to the Crete Continued on Page Two, Column Two.) Democrat. Subscribers refused to pay, and the district court ruled against the subscriber. The matter was carried to the supreme court, and now the Press association has decided to take a hand and see that the subscription is paid.

Gold Button for Brainerd. President H. A. Brainerd of Hebron was presented with a gold button in honor of his past presidency. The button is inscribed with the letters "N. P. A., P. P.," which stand for Nebraska Press

association, past president. The women attending the association were entertained at hincheon by the Deborah Franklin club at the Hotel Rome, while the men were entertained at a lurcheon at the Paxton by The Omaha Bee, World-Herald and Daily News.

Alleged German Spies Indicted by London Grand Jury

LONDON, April 20 .- True bills were re turned by the grand jury in the Old Bailey police court today against three alleged German spies, Kuepferle, Hahn lyn; Muller claims to be a naturalized Englishman, while Hahn admits he is a German.

Strict precautions were taken today to exclude all outsiders at the hearing. While the judge was addressing the grand jury even the ushers were turned

When the cases are heard in camera next week every person connected with it

GREY SAYS BRITAIN PRESIDENT NEBRASKA STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION. IS FOR "OPEN DOOR"

Foreign Minister Asserts England Stands for Independence and Integrity of China.

NO CHANGE IN EASTERN POLICY

LONDON, April 20,-The preservation of the common interests of surance of the independence and the China

Sir Edward spoke in the House of tions now going on between China the world. You deal in the raw material It was shelled by a Turkish battery, some and Japan, but replied that under of opinion, and if my convictions have of its crew killed or wounded, and others present conditions while the negotiation would be world. Commit Suicide tions were still proceeding he was It is therefore of very serious things not able to give a detailed statement, that I think as I face this body of men. Speaking generally, however, he-de- I do not think of you, however, as mem-NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 20. Speaking generally, however, he de-de-bers of the Associated Press. I do not (Special Telegram) - With a bullet clared that the policy of the British think of you as men of different parties through his heart and a revolver clasped government in China continued to be or of different racial derivations, or of in his right hand, Horace Bartholomew, a governed by the terms of the Anglo- different religious denominations. bachelor hometeader, was found dead in his bed at his lonely ranch house near Japanese agreement as defined

The body had lain there for many days Nelson Estate Goes and was bodly decomposed. Barthelomew was 62 years of age and bad lived To Family and to No relatives of the dead man reside here, although he is thought to have two

owner of the Kansas City Star filed for of course; but the test will come to us touch with those sisters. Sheriff Salis-Laura Nelson Kirkwood, their daughter, speaking, we are the only great nation trustees for life for the greater part of at present disengaged. I am not speak his property.

of a fund, the proceeds of which, after providing for any children that may be born to Mrs. Kirkwood, are to be used for the public benefit.

WASHINGTON, April 20 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Interstate Commerce comthe Atchison. Topeka & Santa Fe rail- assessment of the elements engaged? I road, also a hearing held at Lincoln June am not now thinking so preposterous a commission on the fourth floor. The labor commission is moving back to the against the Missouri Pacific Railroad upon them. No nation is fit to sit in company and W. R. Brooks Coal company against the Wabash railroad.

The Appeal of the People to the Governor for Frank is a

Perfectly Proper Procedure."

-Judge Leslie.

The Bee's Suggestion that every one interested in saving Leo M. Frank from the death sentence write at once to the governor of Georgia to urge commutation, is being received with many expressions of approval as offering the only practical way to prevent what so many believe to be a miscarriage of justice.



JUDGE CHARLES LESLIE.,

"I am decidedly of the opinion that the death sentence upon Leo M. Frank in Atlanta should be commuted by the governor of Georgia to a definite prison term," says Judge Leslie of the district court. "It would not be seemly for me to comment on the decision of the United States supreme court, but there can be no doubt that the public opinion of the country is aroused in favor of Frank, and personally I believe he is entitled to the executive elemency. The appeal on the part of the people to the governor on behalf of Frank is a perfectly proper procedure."

No special form of letter is required. The main thing is to let it be known by the authorities that the court of public opinion does not believe Frank has been proved guilty by a fair trial. The letter should be addressed to Hon. John M. Slaton, Governor of Georgia, Atlanta,

WILSON DEFINES **NEUTRALITY IN** TALK TO EDITORS Craft Stranded in Dardanelles Blown President Says Real Duty and

Opportunity of America Will Begin When the Fighting Ends.

that Can Give Disinterested Advice and Assistance.

DOES NOT COVET TERRITORY

NEW YORK, April 20 .- President Wilson, in an address at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press here this afternoon, gave a definite statement of his idea of true neutrality and of the duties that devolve upon America's connection with the European war. The president declared that the neutrality of the United States was not a petty desire to keep out of trouble, because there was something so much greater to do than fight. A great distinction, he said, was coming to the United States -the distinction of a nation of selfcontrol and self-mastery. He said important part in adjusting the affairs of the world once the fighting is ended.

"We have no expansion ambitions," he declared, "we do not want a foot of teer crews-attacked the submarine. The tions?"

The president was introduced by President Frank B. Noyes of the Associated Press and was greeted with cheers.

"I am deeply gratified by the generous all the powers in China by the in- reception you have accorded me, he "It makes me look back with a maid. touch of regret to former occasions when integrity of the Chinese and the prin- I have stood in this place and enjoyed a ciple of equal opportunities for the greater liberty than is granted me today commerce and industry of all nations There have been times when I stood in in China was declared by Edward this spot and said what I really thought, and I pray God those days of indulgence Grey, foreign secretary, to be the may be accorded me again. But I have policy of the British government in come here today, of course, somewhat restrained by a sense of responsibility, that I cannot escape. For I take the Associated Press very seriously. I know Commons. He was asked a number the enormous part that you play in the of questions concerning the negotia- affairs, not only of this country, but of

want to talk to you asto my fellow citizens of the United States. For there

are serious things which as fellow citizens, we ought to consider. The times behind us, gentlemen, have been difficult enough; the times before use are likely to be more difficult, because, whatever may be said about the present condition Public Bequests of the worlds affairs, it is clear that at the climax, the test will come not only KANSAS CITY, April 20.-The will of of the nations engaged in the present the late William R. Nelson, editor and coloseal struggle; it will come for them. probate today makes the widow and Mrs. Particularly. Do you realize that, roughly ing, of course, with disparagement of It provides that they shall take the these great nations in Europe which are income, but the principal is to be kept not parties to the present war, but I am intact for the creation after their death thinking of their close neighborhood to it. "I am thinking, however, their lives,

much more than ours, touch the very heart of the business; whereas, we have rolling between us and those bitter days across the water, 3,000 miles of cool and silent ocean. Our atmosphere is not ye charged with those disturbing elements which must be felt and must permeate mission has ordered a hearing held at every nation of Europe. Wherefore is h Omaha on June 25 on the complaint of not likely that the nations of the world the Commercial Club of Omaha against will some day turn to us for the cooler on complaints of Abel & Roberts thought as that we should sit in judgment judgment upon any ther nation, but we shall some day have to assist in re constructing the processes of peace.

Think of America First. 'Our sources are untouched; we are more and more becoming by the force of circumstances the mediating nation of must make up our minds what are the best things to do and what are the best ways to do them. We must put our money, our energy, our enthusiasm and our sympathy into these things, and we must have our judgments prepared and our spirits chastened against the coming of that day. So that I am not speaking in a selfish spirit when I say that our whole duty, for the present at any rate. is summed up in this motto, 'America first.' Let us think of America before we think of Europe, in order that America may be fit to be Europe's friend when the day of tested friendship comes. The test of friendship is not sympathy with the one side or the other, but getting ready to help both sides when the strug-

"The basis of neutrality, gentlemen, is (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

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By special arrangement with eight of the leading moving picture theaters THE BEE is enabled to give its readers a combinat's n conpon good for a free admission to any one of them on days specified,

In Sunday's Bee

BRITISH DESTROY OWN SUBMARINE

Up to Keep It from Falling Into Enemy's Hands.

TWO PICKET BOATS MAKE RAID

BULLETIN. LONDON, April 20,-"War Sec-MUST HELP ARRANGE TERMS retary Kitchener is very gratified at the response of the nation United States Only Country in World to the recruiting appeals," Chancellor of th Exchequer Lloyd George told the House of Commons this afternoon. The speaker added that the government did not believe the war could be more successfully prosecuted by means of conscription.

LONDON, April 2.-The British admiralty announced officially today that the British submarine E 15 was destroyed in the Dardanelles by British picket boats. The text of the admiralty announcement follows:

"The submarine E-15, which grounded on Kephes Point last Saturday, appears to have been in danger of falling into the enemy's hands in a serviceable condition. Great efforts were made by the Turks to secure it. Attempts to destroy it by long range fire of battleships failed. "During the night of the 18th two picket. boats-that of the Triumph, under Lieusuch a nation was bound to play an tenant Commander Erick Robinson, who commanded the expedition, assisted by Lieutenant Arthur Brooke Webb, R. N. R., and Midshipman John Wolley, and that of the Majestic, under Lieutenant Claude Godwin, both manned by volun-

anybody's territory. Isn't such a nation boats were subjected to a heavy fire, essound to be free to serve the other na- timated at over 200 rounds, from Fort No. which was only a few hundred yards distant, and a number of small guns at short range, Notwithstanding this, the submarine was torpedoed and rendered useless. The Majestic's picket boat was holed and sunk, but the crew was saved by the other boat and the only casualty was one man who died of wounds. "Vice Admiral De Robeck speaks in the

highest terms of all concerned in this gallant enterprise. Lieutenant Commander Eric Robinson has been promoted to a commander by the admiralty and a report has been called for on the individual services of other officers and men with a view to their recognition."

A dispatch from Constantinople by way of Berlin received Sunday said that the British submarine E-15 had run ashore in the Dardanelles while reconnoitering.

Some Money Lapses Into the Treasury

(From a Staff Correspondent.) in state institutions under the Board of Control, made by the last legislature, the sum of \$27,935 will lapse back into the state treasury unused. This is according to an announcement made by the board this morning, the figures for the blennium on the salaries fund having been completed.

The exact figures are not at hand yet ome contractual obligations being still incomplete, but the board will have a surplus that will be somewhere around will be a total excess in both funds of about \$150,000.

Subtract from this sum the \$77,000 deficiency appropriation made necessary by the inability of the board to transfer funds from one institution to another, and there will be a total of about \$73,000 that will actually be saved out on the original appropriation for the blenn ben.

Grand Army Fixes Memorial Day

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 20.-(Special.)-Monday. May 31, will be observed as the official Memorial and Decoration day, according to orders issued today from Grand Army of the Republic headquarters at the state house. This year May 30 falls on Sunday.

The state statute provides that in such cases "the next succeeding secular or business day shall be a holiday." Many the world in respect of its finance. We posts, however, have made requests to be allowed to hold special exercises on Sunday afternoon. The department grants them permission.

BRYAN WILL ENDEAVOR TO HAV EBELL STOP HERE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 30.-(Special.)-Gov ernor Morehead has received a telegram from Secretary of State Bryan in which the latter informs him that he will do everything he can to get the "Liberty Beil' train to stop over in Nebrasks cities on its way to the Panama exposi-

The famous belt will travel to the coast on a special train. Omaha and Lincoln had been negotiating for visits from the train, and the chief executive took the matter up with the secretary of state.

DONN ROBERTS WILL DO CONSTRUCTION WORK

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 20 .- Officials at the United States penitentiary were busy today planning the assign ments to work in the prison of the twenty-one men who arrived yesterday to serve terms in connection with the Terre Haute election conspiracy cases. Deputy Warden Rence said he exmayor to the office of the superintendent of construction to become an assistant Dennis Shea, the shoriff, will enter the prison blacksmith shop, while Judge Eli Redman, because of his knowledge of the law, will be assigned to the office o the record clerk.

BRITONS CLAIM **VICTORY IN FIGHT** FOR HILL NO. 60

Engagement Southeast of Ypres Most Important on Western Front Since the Battle of Neuve Chapelle.

LOSSES SAID TO BE HEAVY

German Report Charges Allies with Using Shells that Generate Asphyxiating Gases.

RUSSIANS HOLD CARPATHIANS

The Day's War News

GERMANS MADE attgcks yesterday in the districts which the French offensive movements have been undertaken recently. The Berlin statement says the Germans succeded in penetrating four French positions and stormed and re-occupied the village of Embermeral BRITISH ADMIRALTY appounced that the E-15, toss of which near the Dardanelles was known several days ago, was destroyed by British picket bonts after running ashore, the purpose being to preyent the Turks from obtaining it. INTANGIBLE REPORTS, which, nevertheless are receiving attention in higher quarters, are heard in Rome to the effect that actual European peace may be concluded

within the near future. USSIAN FLEET, which has been attacking the Bosphorus, is reported to have caused the destruction of two Turkish torpedo boat destroyers.

BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY forces which attempted to invade German East Africa was defeated and driven away with the loss of 700

ITALY'S DECISION for or against war is believed in Rome to be imminent. German and Austrian ambassadors at flome are preparing to leave the county.

REECE ENDEAVORING to arrive at a fixed policy in regard to the situation brought about by the war. A representative of King Constantine is on his way to Vienus and Berlin, probably on a political mission.

LONDON, April 20 .- Although the Berman claims on the one hand and the British and French on the other are diametrically opposed in the matter of the outcome of the battle for From Appropriation | HIII No. 60, southeast of Ypres and British lines, the facts at hand indi-LINCOLN. April 30.-(Special.)-Out of cate that this engagement was the the appropriation for salaries and wages most important along the British front since the battle of Neuve Chap elle, and that it perhaps presages the expected general British activity in Flanders.

British Still Dominate. The British, whether or not they hold all the ground gained, undoubtedly still dominate a part of Zandfoord ridge, line of hills running southeast of Ypres and commanding the road from Ypres to \$125,000 in the maintenance fund. There Menin. The losses in this fighting have not been announced. Judging from dispatches reaching London they have been (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Suicide is Verdict in De Reuter Case

LONDON, April 20 .- A verdict of suihanded down today after an inquest into the circumstances of the death of Baron Herbert De Reuter, managing director of Reuter's Telegraph company, who was found dead April 18 at his home in Surrey. De Reuter was prostrated by the death of his wife five days ago. A discharged revolver was found near his

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